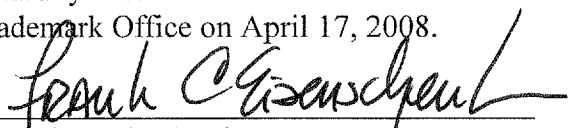


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse. As the species, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO:34. As the disease, Applicants hereby elect viral or acute liver disease, including alcoholic liver failure.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: